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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT APPLICATION

In re Application of:

MASAKAZU MATSUGU

Application No.: 09/878,296

Filed: June 12, 2001

For: APPARATUS AND METHOD
FOR DETECTING OR
RECOGNIZING PATTERN
BY EMPLOYING A
PLURALITY OF FEATURE
DETECTING ELEMENTS

Examiner: M. Bell

Group Art Unit: 2121

September 7, 2004.

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

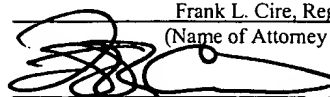
Applicant petitions the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated May 7, 2004 for one month from August 7, 2004 to September 7, 2004.

Submitted herewith is a check for \$110.00 to cover the fee for the extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

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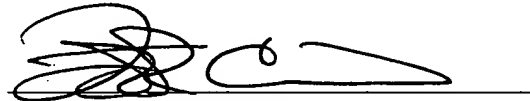
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Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, CA office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Frank L. Cire', is written over a horizontal line.

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